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RE: MU

MUR 5045

(Buchanan for President, Inc.)

Dear Mr. Duffy:

This is in response to your letters dated July 31, 2000 and August 3, 2000, which we received on August 2, 2000 and August 3, 2000, respectively, requesting on behalf of Buchanan for President, Inc. (the "Committee") an extension of 20 days until August 30, 2000 to respond to the Commission's findings in MUR 5045. According to our records, the Committee received notification of the Commission's findings on July 21, 2000; thus, the Committee's response was due on August 7, 2000. After considering the circumstances presented in your letter, the Office of the General Counsel has granted the requested 20-day extension. Accordingly, the Committee's response is due by the close of business on August 28, 2000.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

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